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METHOD FOR ANALYZING
ORGANELLE-LOCALIZED PROTEIN AND
MATERIAL FOR ANALYSIS

: MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2007, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group I (claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 16-18 and 20, drawn to a method for analyzing an organelle-localized protein by introducing a fusion peptide into a cell, and fusion peptides used in the method).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office's reasons for restricting the inventions of Group I and II. The Office argued that restriction is proper because the inventions of these Groups lack the same or corresponding special technical feature. However, it is respectfully submitted that Groups I and II share the same special technical feature, which is the step of introducing the fusion peptides into a cell. For example, in claims 3 and 4, the expression vector is a means in the method of claim 1 for introducing the fusion peptides into the cell. Thus, contrary to the Office's position, the inventions of Groups I and II share the same special

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technical feature. For these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the inventions of Groups I and II be combined and examined together on the merits.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, the Examiner is requested to consider the possibility of rejoinder per MPEP § 821.04.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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